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3 Plaintiff,
4 v.
5 UR M JADDOU, et al.,
6 Defendants.
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9 Case No. 24-cv-04167-JCS
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**REQUEST FOR SUPPORTING
DECLARATION**

12 Plaintiff in this immigration mandamus action has brought a motion to proceed under a
13 pseudonym based on the assertion that disclosure of personal facts related to their asylum petition
14 will be traumatic for Plaintiff and possibly place them in danger. Dkt. no. 3 (“Motion”). In
15 general, the public’s common law right of access to judicial proceedings requires that a party’s
16 identity be disclosed in federal court. *See Does I thru XXIII v. Advanced Textile Corp.*, 214 F.3d
17 1058, 1067 (9th Cir. 2000). Under special circumstances, however, a party may be permitted to
18 proceed under a pseudonym in federal court. *Id.* In order to determine whether Plaintiff meets the
19 special circumstances requirement, the Court requires supporting evidence containing specific
20 facts. Attorney argument in a motion does not constitute evidence. Accordingly, the Court
21 requests that Plaintiff submit a sworn declaration, or other cognizable evidence, demonstrating that
22 under the specific facts of this case, special circumstances justify permitting them to proceed
23 under a pseudonym. Plaintiff may file any such evidence under seal following the procedure set
forth in Civil Local Rule 79-5.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 Dated: July 12, 2024

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JOSEPH C. SPERO
United States Magistrate Judge

United States District Court
Northern District of California

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